

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A machine tool for machining large-area workpieces, the
2 machine tool comprising:
 - a bed;
 - 4 a column movable along one coordinate axis over the bed;
 - a machining unit positioned on one side of the column next to a work area, said
 - 6 machining unit being movable along at least two other coordinate axes, said machining unit
further comprising:
 - 8 a pivotable working spindle;
 - a central support pipe and three telescopic legs positioned at an angle of
 - 10 approximately 120° with respect to one another; and
 - a retainer supporting the pivotable working spindle, said retainer positioned next
 - 12 to the work area on one end of the central support pipe and rotatable about an axis of the
central support pipe;
 - 14 at least one work carrier, which can be pivoted from a horizontal set-up position into a
vertical machining position; and
 - 16 two alternating working stations arranged side-by-side behind said bed, said working
stations being separated by a movable door;
 - 18 said movable column having a central recess and a universal bearing in said recess
supporting said central support pipe therein, said movable column also having three lower
20 recesses and a universal bearing in each of the three lower recesses supporting said three
telescopic legs therein.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The machine tool according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, further
2 comprising at least two pivotable work carriers.

4. (Original) The machine tool according to claim 3, wherein one said work
2 carrier is in a horizontal position in the one working station where set-up of the workpiece is
performed.

5. (Original) The machine tool according to claim 4, wherein the other said
2 work carrier is in a vertical position in the working station where machining is performed.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The machine tool according to ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein
2 said movable door is a one-part slidable door, which can be moved selectively in front of each
work carrier.

8. (Original) The machine tool according to claim 7, wherein said movable door
2 can be moved by means of a program-controlled linear drive.

9. (Original) The machine tool according to claim 8, wherein said program-controlled linear drive is selected from the group consisting of a pressure medium cylinder, an electric linear motor, a worm gear, and a belt drive.

10. (Currently Amended) The machine tool according to ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein a chip collector formed as a continuous conically shaped trough is positioned under the work area between said bed and said movable door.

11. (Original) The machine tool according to claim 9, wherein a chip collector formed as a continuous conically shaped trough is positioned under the work area between said bed and said vertically positioned work carrier.

12. (Original) The machine tool according to claim 1, wherein said central support pipe is longitudinally slidable.